

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on June 02, 2008. Claims 3, 15-16, 21-22 have been canceled and claims 23-32 have been withdrawn, thus claims 1-2, 4-14, 17-20 and 33-34 are pending/examined. Claims 1, 11, 12 and 17-18 are independent claims.
2. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 have been allowed in the previous office action.
3. Claims 23-32 are withdrawn. In a telephone interview made on 06/18/2008, applicant's representative agreed to to cancel these claims.

Priority

4. This application does not claim priority of any application. Therefore, the effective filing data for the subject matter defined in the pending claims of this application is July 28, 2003.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Shirren I. Bacon Reg. No. 40,494 on 06/18/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 23-32 (Canceled).

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-2, 4-14, 17-20 and 33-34 are allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
Independent claims 11, 12, 17-18 were allowed in the pervious office action. Independent claim 1 is amended and incorporates the allowable subject matter.

With respect to independent claims 1, 11 and 17 the art on record does not disclose, teach or fairly suggest the functional limitations, such as, the limitation recited as "the chassis management logic further to isolate the blade device from a computing domain responsive to determining that the blade device capabilities do not match the capability policy;
and

a central repository, couple to the chassis management logic, to hold a plurality of public key values, each of the public key values corresponding to one of a plurality of blade devices”

With respect to independent claims 12 and 18 the art on record does not disclose, teach or fairly suggest the functional such as, the limitation recited as, “if the blade device does not provide the response, isolating the blade device from the computing domain; wherein the challenging further comprises:

encrypting a challenge value using a public key value; and providing the encrypted challenge value to the blade device.”

None of the prior art of record taken singularly or in combination teaches or suggests applicant's invention, which is, a blade device comprising, the functional limitations recited above with the combination of other limitation recited in respective independent claims.

For the reasons provided above, the independent claims 1, 11-12, 17-18 are found to be novel and are allowed.

8. The dependent claims which are dependent on the independent claims 1, 11 and 17 being further limiting to the independent claims, definite and enabled by the specification are also allowed.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Samson B Lemma whose telephone number is 571-272-3806. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 am --4:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BARRON JR GILBERTO can be reached on. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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